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SPECIFIC T CELL TOLERANCE

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**SUBSTITUTE “SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER” SECTION TO
APPEAL BRIEF FILED FEBRUARY 26, 2007**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.37(c)(1)(V) and the Notification of Non-compliant Appeal Brief mailed July 5, 2007, this paper provides a summary of the claimed subject matter mapped to the specification, and should be substituted for the content under the heading “**SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER**” contained in the Appeal Brief dated February 26, 2007.

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Substitute “Summary of claimed subject matter”

V. Summary of claimed subject matter

The currently claimed invention is a method of reducing antigen-specific T cell responsiveness *in vivo* which method comprises administering to a subject in need of such treatment (a) an antigen-presenting cell (APC) that presents an autoantigen to an activated T cell expressing mouse or human gp39 **and** (b) an anti-gp39 antibody which binds to mouse or human gp39 on the activated T cell, wherein the anti-gp39 antibody is administered prior to, concurrent with, or subsequent to administration of the APC in an amount effective to reduce T cell responsiveness to the antigen-presenting cell (claims 82-94; specification, page 3, lines 5-22, lines 29-31; page 5, line 32 - page 6, line 4; page 6, lines 10-12; page 11, lines 5-21; Example 1, page 14, lines 15-35; Example 2, page 15, lines 1-17; Example 3, page 15, line 20 - page 17, line 32; Example 4, page 17, line 34 - page 19, line 36; Example 5, page 20, line 1 - page 26, line 36).

This inhibition is achieved by administering an APC with a gp39 antagonist. A gp39 antagonist is defined as a molecule which interferes with the interaction of gp39 on a T cell with a gp39 ligand on the APC (specification, page 3, lines 23-26; page 6, lines 29-33). The gp39 antagonist can be an anti-gp39 antibody (claims 82, 92-94; specification, page 3, line 26; page 6, lines 33-35; Example 6, page 27, line 1 - page 29, line 6). The anti-gp39 antibody can be an anti-human anti-gp39 antibody (claim 92; specification, page 8, line 37; Example 6, Experiments 1 and 2, page 27, line 1 - page 28, line 32), a humanized anti-human anti-gp39 antibody (claim 93; specification, page 6, line 35; page 8, lines 16-26), or a chimeric anti-human anti-gp39 antibody (claim 94; specification, page 6, line 34; page 8, lines 6-15).

An antigen presenting cells is one which can present antigen to T cells and includes B lymphocytes (including splenic activated lymphocytes, peripheral blood lymphocytes, and bone marrow lymphocytes), "professional" antigen presenting cells such as monocytes, dendritic cells, and Langerhan cells, and other cells such as keratinocytes, endothelial cells, astrocytes, fibroblasts, and oligodendrocytes (claims 83-91; specification, page 9, line 34 - page 11, line 2; Examples 1-5).

It is respectfully submitted that the Appeal Brief filed February 26, 2007 now fully meets the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 41.37 and the application is ready to be docketed for appeal.

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